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Workplace Injuries Decreased in Private Industries
2012 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Available Online

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released its 2012 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses data through the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The survey estimates annual counts and incident rates of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses of Kansas employers as well as case circumstances and workers characteristics for cases that involve days away from work. Data are randomly collected from over 3,500 Kansas employers each year.

- Workers in private industries reported an estimated 33,400 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in Kansas in 2012 which decreased from an estimated 34,400 cases in 2011.
- Nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses among private industry employers in Kansas decreased in 2012 to a rate of 3.6 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers, down from 3.9 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2011. This compares to 3.4 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2012 for the nation.
- Kansas had a total of 8,110 cases involving injuries or illnesses that required days away from work in the private industry. The median number of days away from work was seven days and 26.8 percent of these cases involved 31 or more days away from work. Nationally, in the private sector, the median days away from work was eight.
- Workers aged 25-34 accounted for 24.8 percent of all days away from work cases, followed closely by the age groups of 45-54 with 24.4 percent and 35-44 with 17.6 percent.
- The occupation of laborers and freight, stock, and material movers by hand, had the highest number of cases with days away from work at 750 cases. Truck drivers, heavy and tractor trailer, experienced the second highest number with 590 cases of days away from work, followed by nursing assistants with 360 cases and construction laborers with 330 cases.

The complete Kansas results are available at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=495>
For more information regarding this survey, visit www.bls.gov/iif.

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